

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

December 21, 2011

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: **Councilor Mark Tiffer (W2)**

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on December 15, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending December 21, 2011 in the amount of \$ 250,111.26 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of December 15 – December 21, 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from December 14 – December 16, 2011
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on December 19, 2011

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 944,301.48 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract # 2010-18 "Sodium Thiosulfate for the Water Pollution Control Plant" with Thatcher Chemical Company Inc be extended for one year for a total amount of \$40,500.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves David Powell Chief Plant Operator WPCP to advertise for sealed bid for Contract #2011-25 "15% Sodium Hypochlorite Trade Solution for Water Pollution Control Plant and Water Filtration Plant." Bid Opening Date: January 13, 2012 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves David Powell Chief Plant Operator WPCP to advertise for sealed bid for Contract #2011-26 "Liquid Alum for Water Pollution Control Plant." Bid Opening Date: January 13, 2012 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H8130.57 “2011 WPCP Plant Improvements Project” to complete the work detailed in the Water Pollution Control Plant section of the 2011 Capital Expenditure Budget.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves WPCP Mitigation Project “Aeration improvements and south façade architectural improvements” for the proposed cost of \$75,531 be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to execute all necessary paperwork.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H8320.70 “2011 Westbrook Dams 1 & 2 Improvements Project” to complete the work detailed in the Water Source of Supply section of the 2011 Capital Expenditure Budget.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Jonathan Ruff Environmental Manager that “Westbrook Dams 1 and 2 Repairs” for the total cost of \$202,000 be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Bid No. 2011-11-1 "Evaluation of Misc. Electrical Materials" total bid award cost of \$56,535.35 be awarded to the following bidders: Stuart C Irby \$13,431.85, WESCO \$4,943.50 and Marmon Utility LLC \$38,160.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: NONE

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot to extend the workers compensation leave with benefits of Officer Michael Lawliss who is out on a work related injury. This is to extend his benefits 12 weeks, until March 21, 2012.
2. Request that in consideration for the surrender of the leasehold improvements, the City of Plattsburgh hereby deems the Economic Development Loan made to the Lake City LDC Inc. to be paid and satisfied.
3. Request from the Superintendent of Recreation to host and co-sponsor the "Race the Base" Race for Hope at the City Recreation Center on March 17, 2012. The race will be a one mile run in a time trial format on the elevated track in the Recreation Center. All proceeds will benefit the North Country Mission of Hope.
4. Request from Marjorie Long Heatherton and Derek Rosenbaum to host the ALS Walk of Hope Foundation "Walk of 1000 Umbrellas" at Trinity Park on May 26, 2012. Lower Court Street and Trinity Place would be closed to vehicle traffic to accommodate a festival and gathering of supporters. In addition, the walk would utilize sidewalks on Cornelia Street, Beekman Street, Broad Street, Margaret Street, Bridge Street, and City Hall Place.
5. Request that City Chamberlain be authorized to close Capital Projects (H5110.18) "2007 Waterfront Development/Saranac River Trail" and (H7020.16) "2010 Recreation Department

Facilities.” These projects have been designated as finished by the City Engineer. Applicable funding is in place.

6. Request from the City Chamberlain to formalize the NYS Retirement Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for the elected and appointed officials of the City of Plattsburgh for the current term of office.
7. Request from Assistant Fire Chief Randal Stone for two officers to attend the NYS Fire Academy Firefighter 1 Training Certification in Montour Falls, NY from February 22 – 28, 2012 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$492.
8. Request from Mayor Kasprzak to attend the New York Conference of Mayors 2012 Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany, NY from February 26 – 27, 2012 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$900.
9. Request from Mayor Kasprzak to attend the New York Conference of Mayors 103rd Annual Meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY from May 6 - 8, 2012 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,200.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Carpenter said as I told you last week I would be talking in front of an adhoc committee of the Library Board to explain to them a plan to bring them to stability. I’ve done that. The plan basically is a 4 year plan it includes budget reductions at the Library, it includes a 4 year contract signed by the Union and the Library. It includes a formation of a grievance committee and a new second step in the grievance process that I believe will be effective to cut down on the cost of mitigating grievances. It includes \$60,000 increase in the budget from the Council. All the parts are contingent upon each part happening so I won’t be asking you for the money here at the Council unless the Union and Board are able to come up with a contract. If they can come up with a contract then it shows that those two entities have stepped up and they’ve made concrete changes to the way they do business. And they are working hard to bring about financial stability to the Library. With that in mind, I think it would be a prudent idea for us to approve that money. It gives them and us a concrete idea of what the budget is going to be for the next 4 years. I’m hoping right now that the decision for this contract can get to the hands of the workers. Those are the people that are most affected by this and those are the people who deserve to make this decision. At this point my understanding is the Board has agreed to the plan and they are working very very hard right now to come up with a contract for the Union. It should be presented to the Union leadership tomorrow. From there it is up to the Union leadership to send it to the members if they agree with it. The members then will vote to ratify it. It needs to go back to the Library Board if it’s ratified who then have to vote to agree to it. I told them it needs to be in my hands by 5pm on the 28th so that I can present it to you so we can come up with the \$60,000 in funding to make the whole thing work.

Councilor Jackson said I actually went to the meeting on Monday night. I was very impressed with how the meeting was conducted and what really impressed me actually was the people who got up and spoke. I would say 9 people got up and spoke unanimously they all supported the proposal that Councilor Carpenter put

forward because it does fix the long term problems and it gives them breathing room to get to a better financial state. What really impressed me though was there were 6 employees that spoke. I will say that 3 of them their jobs were on the line and I'm glad that they got up and spoke. But what really impressed me was the other 3 people who got up and spoke who cared about the institution and they wanted the long term fixed and they wanted to make sure that the institution was going to survive. And that really impressed me to have 3 people whose jobs weren't on the line to stand up and say this is the right thing to do. I just wanted to compliment them and the Library Board for working together.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:42 pm